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THIS REPORT SUMMARIZES ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE  
TO THE EMBASSY AS OF 1800 MAY 15.

SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS

PART 1. INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONTROL AND SUPERVISION (ICCS): TWENTY POLISH TRANSLATORS SENT HOME; ICCS BUSINESS DELAYED. PRG STICKS TO 6 KM FLIGHT CORRIDORS. LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY BLOWS HUNGDEL/ POLDEL ARGUMENTS.

PART 2. TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (TPJMC): BG TUAN NEW PRG DEL CHIEF. RVN DEL TO BEGIN WEEKLY PRESS BRIEFINGS.

PART 3. FPJMT/ MIA: MAY 15 MEETING HAS INDETERMINATE RESULTS.

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PART 6. MR-1. INDODEL CHU LAI CHIEF FOR SIGNING POLDEL/ HUNGDEL DRAFT. GVN CONTINUES HIGH PRIORITY TO REOPENING ROADS IN QUANG NGAI. VC/ NVA TRUCK MOVEMENT INCREASES NORTH OF HAI VAN PASS.

PART 7. MR-2. ICCS POE TEAM TO BE MORE ACTIVE AT CAM RANH, BINH TUY PROVINCE IN MR-3 BUT UNDER CEASEFIRE REGION IV CAUSES TROUBLESOME ANOMOLY.

PART 8. MR-3. ACTIVITY LIGHT. LTG MINH NO LONGER WORRIED ABOUT TONG LE CHAN. SHORT- CUT FOR ICCS PROCEDURES FOUND IN HAU NGHIA.

PART 9. MR-4. INCIDENTS DECLINE BUT ARVN INFANTRY COMPANY GETS NOSE BLOODIED IN CHUONG THIEN AMBUSH. ICCS COMMUNIST DELS TRY FOR HIGH POINT IN SOPHISTRY.

PART 1: INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONTROL AND SUPERVISION (ICCS)

1. CANDEL MILITARY SOURCE TELLS US LT GEN ATERS IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE 4- DAY INSPECTION VISIT MAY 19-22 INCLUDING A STOP- OVER IN DANANG AND TOURS OF ICCS INSTALLATIONS IN REGIONS I, II, III, IV AND VII. SOURCE MADE NO COMMENT AS TO PURPOSE OF VISIT.
2. CANDEL ALSO REPORTS THAT UP TO TWENTY POLISH TRANSLATORS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME FOLLOWING A TWO- DAY MEETING IN SAIGON IN EARLY MAY WHEN ALL TRANSLATORS WERE PULLED IN FROM THE FIELD. IN SEVERAL CASES, THE ABSENCE OF THESE TRANSLATORS HAS DELAYED LOCAL ICCS CONFIDENTIAL

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OPERATIONS OVER THE PAST TEN DAYS.

3. THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS AT ICCS 59 TH PLENARY SESSION MAY 11 WAS A NEW DRAFT LETTER ON SUBJECT OF TPJMC DEPLOYMENT OVERWHICH A LENGTHY BATTLE HAD DEVELOPED DURING THE MAY 9 PLENARY. CANDEL OBJECTED TO THE NEW POLDEL DRAFT WHICH SAID INTER ALIA THAT " FULL DEPLOYMENT OF TPJMC IS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE ICCS TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS." CANDEL AMENDMENTS WERE FINALLY ACCEPTED BY POLDEL/ HUNGDEL AND THE LETTER WAS CLEARED TO BE SENT TO THE TPJMC WHICH URGED " FULL DEPLOYMENT OF TPJMC AND PRG IN PARTICULAR". THE OBJECTIONABLE PHRASE LINKING TPJMC DEPLOYMENT TO THE ICCS MEETING ITS OBLIGATIONS WAS DROPPED.
4. HAGGLING ALSO DEVELOPED OVER A SECOND DRAFT LETTER REGARDING

FLIGHT SAFETY AND AIR CORRIDOR WIDTH. POLDEL/ HUNGDEL RELUCTANTLY  
AGREED WITH INDODEL COMPROMISE WORDING WHICH CANDEL THEN  
ACCEPTED AS A WATERED DOWN VERSION OF ITS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL. KEY  
PART OF LETTER READS: " SINCE NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH THE  
PRG DEL TO TPJMC CONCERNING AIR CORRIDOR WIDTH CONSIDERED TO BE  
SAFE FOR ICCS HELICOPTERS FLYING TO LOC NINH, THE ICCS IS  
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8. A LENGTHY 4- HOUR PLENARY SESSION MAY 14 WAS NOTABLE FOR COMMISSION  
AGREEMENT TO INVESTIGATE PRG CHARGES OF US/ GVN CEASEFIRE  
VIOLATIONS WHICH WERE SUBMITTED IN TWO LETTERS ( SAIGON 8464).  
FURTHER DETAILS OF THE MAY 14 PLENARY WILL BE REPORTED NEXT  
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SITREP.

9. LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY ON MAY 11 BOASTED THAT COMMUNIST FORCES HAD SUNK " TWO GUNBOATS AND A FUEL TANKER" IN THE BACH MUONG TRAM SECTION OF THANH LOI VILLAGE, LONG AN PROVINCE ON APRIL 23 ( SEE FBIS OKINAWA B111719 Z MAY 73). THE THREE VESSELS WERE ALLEGEDLY PART OF A SEVEN- VESSEL CONVOY ENROUTE FROM BEN LUC TO HIEP HOA. LPA CLAIMED THAT THE SITE OF THE INCIDENT IS UNDER PRG CONTROL AND THAT USE OF THE WATERWAY BY THE GVN CONSTITUTED A " DELIBERATE ACT OF VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT". LPA SAID THAT THE COMMUNISTS' " FIRM ATTITUDE", AS EXEMPLIFIED BY SINKING OF THE GVN SHIPS, FORCED THE " SAIGON SIDE" TO MEET WITH THE LOCAL VIET CONG ADMINISTRATION " TO NEGOTIATE FOR A LINE OF TRANSPORT THROUGH AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE PRG". ( EMBASSY COMMENT: POLOFF BIEN HOA INFORMS US THAT ON APR. 24, GVN REQUESTED ICCS REGION 5 TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF THIS INCIDENT. THE INVESTIGATION, NUMBERED R5/27, WAS COMPLETED APR 30 WITH THE ICCS ENDING UP IN THE USUAL TWO-WAY SPLIT, CANDEL/ INDODEL BLAMING THE VIET CONG AND POLDEL/ HUNGDEL REJECTING THAT CONCLUSION. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE COPY OF SUBJECT ICCS REPORT THUS SPECIFIC DEVICES USED BY POLDEL/ HUNGDEL TO AVOID CONDEMNATION OF PRG NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT ICCS SAIGON HEARD REPORT, PROBABLY AT 59 TH PLENARY ON MAY 11, AND FORWARDED CANDEL/ INDODEL POSITIONS TO TPJMC AS " ANTIONAL VIEWS." WE HAVE YET TO CONFRONT POLDEL/ HUNGDEL WITH THIS LATEST EVIDENCE PROVIDED BY THEIR ALLIES, BUT EMBASSY ICCS LIAISON STAFF PLANS TO BRING THE LPA ITEM TO ATTENTION OF CANDEL/ INDODEL. END COMMENT.)

PART II: TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION ( TPJMC)

1. CHIEFS OF DELEGATIONS ( RVN REPRESENTED BY DEPUTY CHIEF BG HIEP) MET MAY 15, RESULTS, IF ANY, STILL UNAVAILABLE; WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL.

2. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OVER THE WEEKEND OF THE DESIGNATION OF BG TUAN AS CHIEF OF THE PRG DELEGATION APPARENTLY CAUGHT ALMOST NO ONE ON THE RVNDEL BY SURPRISE, IT HAVING BEEN ASSUMED THAT, DESPITE FREQUENT RVN REPRESENTATIONS ON THE SUBJECT, LTG TRA WOULD NOT BE RETURNING TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. RVNDEL SOURCES ALSO CONFIRMED ORIGINAL EMBASSY IMPRESSION THAT MOVE SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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SEEN AS DOWNGRADING OF TPJMC, BOTH IN LIGHT OF TUAN'S SIMILAR VIEW. NOT ONLY IS THERE A CONTINUING IMPASSE OVER THE 11 POINTS OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES BUT AN ADDITIONAL AND PERHAPS EQUALLY DIFFICULT ONE RE AREAS OF DEPLOYMENT. PRG ACCORDING TO RVNDEL SOURCES, WANTS TO LOCATE ITS ELEMENTS ONLY IN PRG AREAS OF CONTROL RATHER THAN CO- LOCATING THEM IN THE LOCALITIES SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 11 OF CEASE- FIRE/ JMC PROTOCOL. FOR EXAMPLE,

SUB- REGION TEAMS IN CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE MIGHT BE SPLIT, WITH RVN COMPONENT IN VI THANH AND PRG COMPONENT ELSEWHERE IN PART OF PROVINCE WHERE ITS CONTROL IS ESTABLISHED. APART FROM OBVIOUS LOGISTIC, SECURITY, ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS INHERENT IN THIS INTERPRETATION, RVN MAINTAINS THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS ARE CLEARLY IN VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOLS.

4. POSSIBLY CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY EXTENSIVE AND GENERALLY POSITIVE PRESS COVERAGE WHICH WAS ACCORDED PRG MAY 12 PRESS CONFERENCE, INCLUDING PRG STATEMENTS ON ALLEGED US B-52 STRIKES WITHIN RVN AND MUCH-PUBLICIZED " FIVE PROPOSALS FOR AN EFFECTIVE CEASEFIRE," RVNDEL HAS DECIDED TO HOLD WEEKLY PRESS BRIEFINGS. THE FIRST WILL TAKE PLACE MAY 16 AND IS EXPECTED TO HIGHLIGHT REALISTIC AND DETAILED NATURE OF RVN' S OWN RECENT CEASEFIRE PROPOSALS. RVN, POSSIBLY IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY SUGGESTION, WILL HOLD PRESS MEETINGS IN ROOMY AND ACCESSIBLE DOWNTOWN PRESS CENTER, THUS AVOIDING FORCED BUSING OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN PRESS TO TAN SON NHUT.

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PART III: FPJMT ( MIA)

1. THE FPJMT MAY 15 MEETING BEGAN WITH STRONG PRG DELEGATION PROTEST REGARDING RECENT GVN AND US BOMBING CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS IN TAY NINH AND BINH LONG PROVINCES. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF THE APRIL 14 DRV MEMORANDUM ON GENERAL PROCEDURES. DRV DELEGATION STATES THAT THEY WOULD REDRAFT THEIR MEMORANDUM  
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IN LIGHT OF COMMENTS MADE IN THE SESSION. USDEL PROPOSED THAT US EXPERTS SHOULD BE SENT TO HANOI ON THE WEEKLY HANOI LIASON FLIGHT MAY 18 TO TALK WITH NVN AUTHORITIES REGARDING EXHUMATION AND REPATRIATION OF US DIC ( DIED IN CAPTIVITY) REMAINS. USDEL SUGGESTED THAT MAY 18 VISITE TO HANOI BE FOLLOWED BY A VISIT NEXT WEEK BY A JCRC SPECIALIST TEAM WHICH COULD ASSIST IN THE EXHUMATION AND REPATRIATION OF US DIC REMAINS. DRV DEL SAID THAT THEY WOULD STUDY US PROPOSAL.

2. IN PRIVATE, USDEL ASKED DRV DEL TO PASS COPIES OF LISTS OF US AND THIRD COUNTRY MIA AND BNR TO THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT.

3. JCRC SPECIALIST TEAM BEGAN INVESTIGATION OF CRASH SITE IN BAC LIEU PROVINCE AS SCHEDULED. INVESTIGATION WILL CONTINUE ON MAY 16. DRV AND PRG DELEGATION DECLINED TO GO ALONG AS OBSERVERS.

PART IV: CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS

OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS HAS NOW CHARGED THAT COMMUNIST WITH 13,899 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS AS OF MAY 14, RESULTING IN 19,726 COMMUNIST SOLDIERS KILLED AND 212 CAPTURED. RVNAF CASUALTIES STAND AT 4,979 KIA, 24,139 WIA AND 1,269 MIA. CIVILIANS HAVE SUFFERED 823 KILLED, 2,304 WOUNDED AND 1,170 ABDUCTED.

PART V: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM

THE GVN PUBLISHED THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE MAY 9 FONMIN NOTE TO SIGNATORIES OF THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM IN THE OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS ON MAY 15 ( REF SGN 838).

PART VI: MR 1

1. MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINED RELATIVELY UNCHANGED WITH 13 VIOLATIONS INCLUDING ONE GROUND ATTACK AND 6 ATTACKS BY FIRE COMPRISING 241 ROUNDS OF INCOMING OF WHICH ALL BUT A SMALL SCATTERING OCCURED IN THE AIRBORNE AND 1 ST DIVISION AREAS. ARVN RESPONDED WITH 1,384 ROUNDS OF 105 MM COUNTERMORTAR ARTILLERY FIRE, HALF NORTH AND HALF SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS.

2. SENIOR CANDEL CHU LAI INFORMED AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI THAT COLONEL WARDIMAN, SENIOR INDODEL ICCS REGION II, HAD REPRIMANDED THE SENIOR INDODEL CHU LAI FOR HAVING SIGNED AN INVESTIGATION

REPORT DRAFTED BY THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS. SUMMARIZING THE INVESTIGATION IN APRIL OF THE POW CHINOOK SHOOTING, THE REPORT DID NOT PLACE THE BLAME ON THE PRG. SENIOR CANDEL COMMENTED THE CHU LAI INDODEL ACTED IN GOOD FAITH, BUT WAS TOO EASILY TAKEN IN BY THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS.

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3. ON MAY 15, I CORPS HEADQUARTERS REPORTED THAT TWELVE PRISONERS WERE RELEASED BY THE PRG IN QUANG NGAI.

4. THE GVN CONTINUES TO ASSIGN A HIGH PRIORITY TO THE RE- OPENING OF ROADS IN QUANG NGAI. RECONSTRUCTION ON THE ROAD FROM NGHIA HANH TO MIN LONG IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE AND PROVINCE AUTHORITIES PLAN TO RUN A TRUCK CONVOY OVER THIS ROAD FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE FALL OF 1971. DEPTUY PROVINCE CHIEF FOR SECURITY, HOWEVER, HAD ADMITTED TO AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI THAT THIS ROAD WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO KEEP FREE OF MINES.

5. INTELLIGENCE GATHERED BY I CORPS HEADQUARTERS INDICATES THAT TRUCK MOVEMENT ALONG COMMUNIST- CONTROLLED ROADS NORTH OF THE NAI VAN PASS INCREASED DURING THE PAST WEEK.

PART VII: MR 2

1. SECURITY SITUATION: MAY 15 REGIONAL BRIEFING IN NHA TRANG REPORTS 12 INCIDENTS OCCURRED DURING PAST 24 HOUR PERIOD. PHU YEN PROVINCE LEAD WITH FIVE INCIDENTS, WHILE REMAINDER WERE SPREAD BETWEEN BINH DINH, BINH THUAN AND KONTUM.

2. MOST IMPORTANT ACTION TOOK PLACE AT COMPANY OUTPOST OF 23 RD ARVN DIVISION, APPROXIMATELY FOUR KMS NORTHWEST OF KONTUM CITY. ON AFTERNOON OF MAY 13 ENEMY FIRED AN ESTIMATED 90 ROUNDS OF MIXED ARTILLERY, ROCKET AND MORTAR FIRE AT OUTPOST. ADDITIONAL EFFECT OF SHELLING WAS EVACUATION OF NEARBY KON GU RESETTLEMENT HAMLET. KONTUM SECTOR PLANS TO MOVE REFUGEES BACK TO KON GU AREA, BUT PLANS TO INSTALL THEM FURTHER FROM THE OUTPOST THAN THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY.

3. ICCS: ARRO REP CAM RANH REPORTS THAT ICCS SAIGON AND REGION III (PLEIKU) HAVE TAKEN A NEW INTEREST IN CAN RANH PORT ACTIVITIES (REPORTED IN NHA TRANG 481). CAN RANH POINT OF ENTRY TEAM HAS NOW BEEN INSTRUCTED TO GET MOVING. MAJOR ARNOLD (CANDEL WITH EXPERIENCE IN QUI NHON AND NHA TRANG) HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO CAM RANH AND HE BEGAN MEETING WITH PORT AUTHORITIES MAY 14.

4. LAM DONG POLOFF REPORTS THAT GVN TPJMT REP THERE TOLD HIM ATTEMPTED REGION IV ICCS (PHAN THIET) INVESTIGATIONS OF MINING INCIDENT IN BINH TUY (NHA TRANG 501 PARA 6) ON MAY 14 NOT RPT NOT SUCCESSFUL. BINH TUY PROVINCE OFFICIALS WOULD NOT RPT NOT ALLOW ICCS (ALL FOUR DELS WERE REPRESENTED) TO GO TO  
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SCENE OF MINING BECAUSE OF SECURITY SITUATION. ACCORDING TO

POLOFF PRINCIPLE PROBLEM IS THAT MAJOR PHU BELONGS TO MR II WHILE BINH TUY IN MR III. HE IS NOT RPT NOT RECEIVING ADEQUATE COOPERATION FROM BINH TUY OFFICIALS TO DO SATISFACTORY JOB FOR RPJMC. THEY WILL NOT RPT NOT EVEN TELL HIM LOCATION OF ENEMY FORCES. COMMENT: BINH TUY PROVINCE ANOMOLOUS POSITION IN MR III WHILE IN TRUCE REGION IV BOUND ALWAYS TO BE TROUBLESOME.

5. ICCS SU- REGIONAL TEAM AT HAU BON ( CEHO REO) WILL INVESTIGATE MAY 2 INCIDENT IN WHICH VC ATTACKED RF COMPANY PROVIDING ROAD SECURITY ON ROUTE 7 B AT PHU BON/ PHU YEN BORDER. ATTACK RESULTED IN TWO ENEMY KIA AND TWO FRIENDLY WIA. THIS IS ONLY SECOND INVESTIGATION BY HAU BON TEAM.

6. REFUGEES: RESETTLEMENT OF BINH LONG REFUGEES IN LAM DONG NOW TO START MAY 21. PLANS CALL FOR ABOUT 13 THOUSAND REFUGEES TO BE TRUCKED FROM AN LOI AREA OF BINH LONG TO TAN RAI AREA OF BAO LOC DISTRICT, LAM DONG.

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PART VIII: MR 3.

1. COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN MR 3 WAS AT A VERY LOW LEVEL DURING THE 24- HOUR PERIOD ENDING 0800 HOURS MAY 15. THERE WERE 11 VC/ NVA INITIATED INCIDENTS REPORTED CONSISTING OF 3 ATTACKS BY FIRE ( ABF), 3 GROUND CONTACTS, 2 SNIPING AND 3 MINE INCIDENTS. TOTAL  
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CASUALTIES FOR THE PERIOD WERE 3 FRIENDLY KILLED, 6 WOUNDED. THERE WERE NO COMMUNIST CASUALTIES REPORTED. TONG LE CHAN RANGER BASE CAMP RECEIVED 29 ROUNDS OF MIXED 61 MM AND 82 MM FIRE. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE WERE REPORTED.

2. CG MR 3 LTG NGUYEN VAN MINH IS NOW CONVINCED THAT THE COMMUNISTS HAD NO INTENTION OF OVERRUNNING TONG LE CHAN. MINH TOLD BIEN HOA CONGEN YESTERDAY THAT WHAT THEY HAD IN MIND WAS TO UNDERMINE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE EMBATTLED RANGERS IN THE HOPE THAT THE RANGERS WOULD DECIDE TO VACATE THE CAMP AND THUS FREE THE SAIGON RIVER CORRIDOR FOR THE TRANSPORT OF MEN AND MATERIAL TO VC/ NVA UNITS SOUTH AND EAST OF THE BASE. MINH IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE ABILITY OF THE RANGERS TO HOLD REGARDLESS OF COMMUNIST INTENTIONS.

3. SEVERAL DAYS AGO, COLONEL MORROW, CHIEF CANDEL REGION V ICCS, TOLD CONGEN POLOFF THE ICCS WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW AN NVA PRISONER, IF ONE WAS AVAILABLE. DESPITE SEVERAL CANADIAN ATTEMPTS TO SECURE A PRISONER THROUGH THE RVN DELEGATE ON THE TPJMC, NONE WAS FORTHCOMING. YESTERDAY, CONGEN RAISED THIS MATTER WITH GENERAL MINH. MINH, QUICKLY SEEING THE ADVANTAGES IN SUCH AN INTERVIEW, PROMISED TO MAKE A RECENTLY CAPTURED NVA SOLDIER AVAILABLE TO THE ICCS.

4. THE GVN PROVINCE ADMINISTRATION OF HAU NGHIA HAS DISCOVERED A TACTIC TO AVOID THE ANNOYING DELAY BETWEEN A VC/ NVA CEASEFIRE VIOLATION AND THE APPEARANCE OF THE ICCS. INSTEAD OF REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION, WHICH ENTAILS LONG DELAYS WHILE ICCS REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS CONCURRENCE IS SOUGHT, THE HAU NGHIA PROVINCE CHIEF REQUESTS AN ICCS " INSPECTION." TO REQUEST AN INSPECTION, THE PROVINCE CHIEF NEED ONLY CALL THE RVN DELEGATE TO THE TPJMC AT CU CHI. THE RVN DELEGATE REQUESTS THAT THE ICCS INSPECT THE CEASEFIRE VIOLATION SITE. THE CU CHI ICCS TEAM SIMPLY INFORMS ICCS BIEN HOA BY RADIO OR PHONE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO THE SITE. TIME CONSUMING PAPERWORK AND CLEARANCES ARE TEMPORARILY BY- PASSED. A FEW DAYS, OR MORE OFTEN, A WEEK OR TWO LATER, A FORMAL INVESTIGATION IS CONDUCTED.

PART IX: MR 4.

1. MR IV REPORTED 39 COMMUNIST- INITIATED INCIDENTS MAY 14. THESE INCLUDED THREE GROUND ASSAULTS, 27 ATTACKS BY FIRE, SEVEN HARASSMENTS, AND TWO ACTS OF TERRORISM AND SABOTAGE. RVNAF LOST 26 KILLED, 121 WOUNDED, AND 35 MISSING. THE COMMUNISTS REPORTEDLY  
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LOST 35 DEAD. SIX CIVILIANS WERE KILLED AND TEN WOUNDED.

2. A COMMUNIST AMBUSH IN CHUONG THIEN MAY 14 ROUTED AN ARVN INFANTRY COMPANY. TWENTY- TWO MEN M THE 2 ND COMPANY, 497 TH CHAU DOC RF BATTALION, ESCAPED THE AMBUSH NEAR HOA LUU VILLAGE, KIEN HUNG DISTRICT. THEY LEFT BEHIND 21 OF TYAIR COMRADES, INCLUDING THREE OFFICERS.

3. COMMUNIST SOPHISTRY HAS CHARACTERIZED THE ICCS INVESTIGATION OF THE MAY 3 VC ATTACK ON GIA HOA VILLAGE, BA XUYEN. THE POLES OPINED THAT THE ACCIDENTAL DETONATION OF AN ARMS MAGIZINE IN AN ADJOINING RADIO SHACK MIGHT HAVE DESTROYED THE VILLAGE OFFICE. THE HUNGDEL/ POLDEL DISCOVERED RUST ON THE JEEP WHICH CARRIED FIVE MEN OVER A MINE TO THEIR DEATH. THEY SAID THE RUST SUGGESTED THE JEEP WAS AN OLD INOPERABLE VECHICLE DRAGGED TO THE SITE AND BLOWN UP. SINCE THERE WERE NO DEAD OR WOUNDED REMAINING IN THE VILLAGE WHEN THE ICCS TEAM ARRIVED THE DAY AFTER THE ATTACK, THE HUNGDEL/ POLDEL DECIDED THERE WAS NO PROOF OF CASUALTIES.

4. CHAU DOC SECTOR OFFICERS SAY THAT LTC CHAU UOTH, A PROMINENT CAMBODIAN RESIDENT OF TRI TON WHO FOLLOWED LONG NOL' S CALL TO CAMBODIA IN 1970, RECENTLY DIED IN COMBAT IN CAMBODIA. ACCORDING TO ARVN OFFICERS, UOTH WAS ONE OF THE FIRST KHMER KHROM TO RALLY TO THE ANTI SIHANOUK CAUSE AFTER THE PRINCE WAS OVERTHROWN.  
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